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INTRODUCTION.

The Book, from which the bulk of these extracts are taken, ends in 1794, and it has been necessary to conclude at this date, as the following book, containing the minutes from 1795 to 1813, is lost.

During the period covered by this Monograph the Churchwardens' and Overseers' accounts of disbursements and receipts were not entered in the minute book, as previously, but were kept separately, and although I have examined most of them they are in a very abbreviated form, and in many cases are summaries only. The quaint entries concerning individual reliefs are lacking, and more and more they tend to become accounts dealing with figures only, and not with details. Standardisation and set form were destructive of the charming originality of the earlier parish officials.

It will be noticed that the Churchwardens had increasing difficulty in providing seating accommodation in the Church and, despite the erection of galleries and the surrender of a pew by Mr. Grosvenor, competition for space was so keen that unwarranted claims were made under the threat of litigation, which compelled the harrassed officials to expenditure in securing Counsel's opinion in support of their action.

In 1772, in consequence of a late Act of Parliament, the Vestry nominated ten gentlemen to serve the office of Surveyor of the Highways for submission to the Justices of the Peace at Ilford, but having so far complied with the conditions of the Act they naively agree with complete unanimity that the present Surveyor, whose name does not figure among those nominated, should be continued in the office for another year.

The old peal of six bells was removed in 1778, and an entirely new ring of eight bells by Pack & Chapman, of the Whitechapel Foundry, took their place, and these still remain, although two have been recast, and two others added. These eight bells were provided largely by the energy of the Churchwarden, Mr. Alexr. Dalmahoy, who raised a subscription among his friends, and the gratitude of the parish is duly recorded, prematurely, as it afterwards turned out, for the funds raised were not properly accounted for, and the differences between the Churchwarden and the parish make interesting reading, culminating in 1781 with the Vestry's approval of the action of the then Churchwarden in preventing the ringing of the bells on Mr. Dalmahoy's birthday.

The complaisant satisfaction exhibited in the minute recording the amount collected for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts needs, perhaps, some explanation of this method of raising money. These Briefs were authorisations to collect for charitable objects, either in church or by house to house visitation and solicitation by the parish officials. Digests or "brief" summaries of the Royal Letters Patent under the Great Seal were circulated in every parish seeking the gifts of the generous. In course of time collections were made upon permission granted by the local Justices, but this practice lending itself to abuse, Parliament ordered, in 1662, that no collection by way of brief should be made except under the Great Seal directed by order of both Houses of Parliament. From that date onwards they were issued at the discretion of the Lord Chancellor, and although the fees and costs of obtaining a brief usually amounted to about £150, they were found so profitable

and were so numerous, that they became a nuisance, hence Samuel Pepys, in his Diary, says:—

> "30th June, 1661 (Lord's Day). To church where we observe the trade of briefs is come now up to so constant a course every Sunday that we resolve to give no more to them."

They were abolished at the instance of Peel by an Act passed in 1828. Of the specific collections mentioned, the loss, or amount desired to be raised in the case of West Malling was £2,129 13s., and in that of St. Nicholas Chapel, Harwich, £1,600.

Negotiations for the extinction of the proprietary rights in the North Aisle of the Church were begun in 1781, but a claim in 1792 to the soil by Edward Conyers, as Vicar, was compromised by the equal division of the fees for its disturbance between the Vicar and the Parish.

Although the Surveyor of the Highways recorded his proceedings in a book kept for that especial purpose, the parish, by its Vestry, kept a vigilant watch upon the diversion, or attempted closing, of old footpaths, and whenever opportunity afforded made provision for the widening of public Highways; receiving valuable assistance in this direction from generous owners who surrendered ground for the purpose. The Vestry, however, were not averse to a deal, and agreed to the extinction of footpaths in 1774 and 1782 in exchange for a cash payment, in the latter case accompanied by a cession of land for road widening. In both these cases prominent inhabitants were concerned, but when, in 1788, an obstruction and enclosure is proposed by an inhabitant of the next parish, the indignant Vestry threaten the offender with all the terrors of the law.

The main highway of approach to the parish then, as now, was the Lee Bridge Road, controlled and maintained by Trustees, who farmed the fees taken at the gates, receiving a five per cent. dividend upon their share capital. Although probably the best kept road in the neighbourhood it was yet dangerous to vehicular traffic in the darkness, with the additional likelihood of travellers being held up by highwaymen. The overturning of a gentleman's carriage, or some particularly daring robbery, may have stirred the Vestry to the preparation and presentation to the Trustees of a petition for the lighting and policing of the road, from Clapton to the Eagle at Snaresbrook, in 1774.

Echoes of the long conflict between members of the Society of Friends and parish authorities, owing to the objection of the "people called Quakers," to the payment of Church Rates for the maintenance of "steeple houses" are to be heard in the case of Mr. Lewis Weston, of High Hall, in Clay Street. The matter is reported to have been settled by agreement; the agreement probably consisting of a passive resistance to distraint generally adopted by the conscientious objectors of that faith.

The affirmation of loyalty and attachment to the Constitution at the Patriotic meeting in 1792 does not seem to be of a very representative character, if the twenty-three signatories constituted the entire attendance. Perhaps the time of the meeting, "12 o'clock noon," was inconvenient for the more important parishoners, or were they "inattentive to the blessings they enjoyed?"

S. J. B.

Extracts from Walthamstow Vestry Minutes.

1772. Feb. 10. Order'd that unless Thomas Green do take his son out of the workhouse and provide for him on or before Satterday next and in Default thereof it is order'd by this Vestry that the said Thomas Green shall be prosecuted according to the law in that case made and provided.

Order'd that Mr. Flack dont let the boys go no more to the Packtread spinners.

1772. Mch. 9. A rate of eight pence in the pound is granted to John Free, esq^{r}, overseer of the poor.

Order'd that six pair of Blankets and six coverlids be provided for the use of the workhouse.

1772. Mch. 16. Order'd at this Vestry that the officers should go round and search the parish for such persons that have got no certificates.

1772. Apl. 20. Whereas it haveing been reported to this Vestry that Samuel Tull, of London, has erected a shed and posts for spinning Packthread on the Common Ground belonging to this parish, called Bury Field, near the workhouse, and it likewise appears that the above said Samuel Tull has erected the said shed, &c., without the consent or approbation of the Churchwardens or Vestry. By Imploying a great number of Vagabone poor it is Deem^{d} a great Nusance and at this Vestry it was order'd to be taken down, which was Imediately perform^{d}.

1772. May 11. This being the third Vestry held to Receive the accounts of Mr. Peter Fearon, the late Churchwarden, and he not haveing Deliver^{d} in the same, it is the Request of this Vestry that he be presented by the present Churchwardens or one of them.

1772. July 13. Order^{d} that a genneral Vestry be held the 27th Instant and that Gallant do attend on the Gentlemen for their Half crowns.

1772. July 27. Mr. Peter Fearons account was examined and passed and there appear^{d} a Ballance of 5 . 7 . 1½ wch was paid into the hands of Robert Phipps the next churchwarden.

1772. Sep. 22. At a Vestry held in the church for the nominating of Surveyors of the Highways according to the late act of parliament the following persons were put in nomination

Mr. Wm Dedrucina	Mr. James Howard	Mr. Thos Flack
Mr. John Wright	Mr. Fran^{s} Wragg	Mr. John Nichols
Mr. Rob. Vigne	Mr. Jam^{s} Clark	Mr. Thos Bainbridge
Mr. Wm Richards		

At the same Vestry they unanimously agreed that Mr. John Coe, the present Surveyor, should be recommended to continue the said office the year insuing with the usual sallery of Ten Guineas.

1772. Dec. 14. Resolv^{d} unanimously that the Churchwardens and overseers of the poor of this parish do not grant or give any farther Relief to Ann, the wife of Phillip Wingate, of the parish of St. Augustin in the City of Norwich, and that we will support them in so doing at the parish expence.

1773. Jan. 25. Whereas it is Represented to this Vestry that Mr. Joseph Hewes is possessed of an acre of land Intermix^{d} with a part of the Parish land on the south side of Hagger Lane, and for the consideration of which this Vestry was called by publick notice in the church on Sunday the 17th ins^{t}, and the twenty fourth. Resolv^{d} that on Mr. Joseph Hewes producing a clear Title to the same this Vestry do consent it be set apart at the north west corner thereof in a plot two and a half chains wide near the Road and four chains down the field.

1773. Mch. 1. order^{d} that a sum of five guineas be given to Mr. Flack to help the cloathing of the poor in the Workhouse he complaining that the Dearness of the several articles of their maintainance makes his contract so hard he cannot go on with it.

1773. Apl. 12. Resolv^{d} that Mr. Flack do at a Vestry to be held this day month Deliver in to the said Vestry an estimate or sum for which he will pay all charges of the poor of this parish whatever for one year from Midsumer next.

1773. Oct. 11. Order^{d} that notice of an appeal be sent to the parish of Layton concerning the sending of William Edwards and his wife to our parish. At the last Vestry Mr. Hartwell appear^{d} and paid the churchwardens six pounds that was due from Nathl Vaile to the parish on account of the parish Farm, at the same time it was agreed that Nathl Vaile should have a lease granted to commence from Michælmas 1773 on the usual terms according to agreement May 21, 1773.

Order^{d} that the oppinion of Council be taken concerning William Edwards and his wife's settlement.

1773. Dec. 6. Samuel Bosanquet esq^{r} and other persons haveing generously given the parish the ground to widen the publick Road in this parish Leading from Marsh Street to Lee Bridge Road and uppon Vew Anth^{y} Todd and Peregrine Bertie esq^{rs} two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for this County have given their assent thereto. It is the opinion and desire of this Vestry that Mr. John Coe the Surveyor do forthwith put the same in execution in the best and cheapest manner he can and that he consults Mr. Johnson thereon.

1774. Feb. 6. Justice Todd made a motion that Mr. Joel Johnson Do make an estamate of Altering the old Galaray and likewise makeing a new one. Mr. Coe be desired to look into the rights of the Parish to the North Isle of the Church.

1774. Feb. 20. It is order^{d} that a plan Deliver^{d} to this Vestry meeting by Mr. Joel Johnson for the erecting a gallery over the South Isle and the alterations in the old gallery, the expence of which he computes at about One hundred and fifty pounds, be carried into execution Imediately. 25 against 6. It appeared at the Vestry by the parish Books that the parish has a good right to the North Isle, however a motion was made and seconded

that a committee be appointed to make farther enquiry into the matter. Mr. Pistor, Mr. Till, Mr. Tippel, Mr. Johnson and the two churchwardens were appointed on the said committee.

1774. Mch. 7. order[d] that a certificate be granted to Anne Tyler to the parish of Wormley in the County of Hertford.

1774. May 2. At this Vestry the churchwarden makeing it appear that it was necessary to white wash the church it was agreed that the same should be done and all other necessary repairs.

Resolv[d] that the Churchwardens for the time being dispose of the additional pew contained in the new gallery by way of fine as hereunder fix[d] according to their numbers, to continue the property of the person so fineing for twenty one years, provided they or their Immediate famelys live in the parish so long and that till they are all Disposed of by Fine to let the same for the most rent he can get, the persons occupying them to be subject to Removal by the Churchwarden for the time being on any person paying a fine for the seat they may possess, and that the additional pews now made be allotted from time to time by Direction of the parish assembled in Vestry, as also the pews in the new gallery whenever they drop by the conditions of the fines.

The fees to be taken for the said pews in the new gallery are as follows:

No. 1	at 14 guineas.	No. 5	at 20 guineas.	No. 8	at 7 gs.
2	20 gs.	6	20 gs.	9	7 gs.
3	14 gs.	7	7 gs.	10	7 gs.
4	14 gs.				

1774. May 9. A motion was made and Resolved unanimously that a certain sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds be borrowed upon the Security of the Parish at and after the rate of four p[r] centum per annum towards defraying the present repairs of the church, for the discharge of which the Churchwardens under the directions of the Vestry shall have full power to lett all the pews of the new gallery annually, and the money ariseing therefrom be appropriated to the discharge of the said sum of Two Hundred Pounds principal and interest, which when done the said pews thenceforth be appointed by the Churchwardens in the like manner as all the other pews in the Church.

1774. May 10. Resolved the money be raised and Bonds executed at the same time.

1774. May 16. In pursuance of the minutes of the last Vestry of the 9th day of May Instant two Bonds were executed by the Churchwardens, the one to Mr. John Pistor for the sum of £100 and interest at £4 p[r] cent., and the other to Mr. William Tippell for the Like sum of £100, and at the same time the money paid to Mr. James Ramsden, the acting churchwarden for the purposes therein mentioned.

1774. June 27. Mr. Todd and Mr. Rigg having been requested by a former Vestry to commune with Mr. Grosvenor relative to two pews for sometime past possessed by him in the south side of the church for his servants, and to express the desire of the parishioners that he would be pleased to accommodate them with one of these pews. The said Messrs.

Todd and Rigg this day deliver[d] a message from Mr. Grosvenor to the Vestry proposing to give immediate possession of one pew for accommodation of the parish provided the Vestry will appropriate the other pew for him and his family during their residence in this parish. Resolved unanimously that the proposal made this day from Mr. Grosvenor be accepted, and that the outer pew be appropriated for Mr. Grosvenor and any of his family whilst they reside in this parish.

Resolv[d] that the Inner pew now given up by Mr. Grosvenor be appropriate for the accommodation of the Rev[d] Mr. Bromley and Mr. Stracey Till and their familys.

Resolv[d] that the pew wherein Mr. Todd now sits shall be appropriated for his use only so long as he resides in this parish from and after the sale of Miss Watsons estate.

Resolv[d] that the present occupiers of Pews in the New Gallery being Parishioners have the option to occupy there pews gratis after the debt incurred by their erection is discharged so long as they remain Inhabitants of this Parish.

Order[d] that the two footpaths of the churchway in the Common field Leading to the church be repaired by the Surveyor of the Highways.

Mr. Grosvenor having requested of the Vestry that they will give him Leave to shut up a footway that Leads from opposite Mr. Beachcrofts house by the side of his paddock pales down to Markhouse Common field. Resolv[d] that Mr. Grosvenors request be comply[d] with provided he first at his own expense do make a footpath in Lieu thereof from Markhouse Gate through the Commonfield and lane leading to the gate in How Street facing Mr. Archers field.

Resolved that the Sundry Resolutions passed relating to Mr. Grosvenor be Transcribed and delivered to him by Mess[rs] Todd and Rigg on acc[t] of this parish.

Resolved that an electrical conductor be fixed to this church under the direction of Mr. Swift of Greenwich and that Mr. Clark be desired to apply to Mr. Swift for that purpose.

Resolv[d] that the room under the Belfry be fitted up for a Vestry room the entrance thereof from within the church and that the churchwarden do immediately procure proposals for finishing the same and to lay the same before the Vestry as early as may be.

1774. July 4. The minutes of the last Vestry were confirmed except the last article relating to Vestry Room under the Bellfry which was unanimously agreed to be postponed.

Resolved that the churchwarden do procure an estimate of the expence for erecting a Vestry Room at the North west corner of the Church on the outside to be laid before the next Vestry this day fortnight the money to be raised by voluntary subscription.

1774. July 10. The minutes of the last Vestry were read and confirm[d] except the last article Relateing to a Vestry room which was unanimously agreed to be Further postpon'd on acc[t] of the present Vicars Indisposition of mind untill his recovery or that there may be a new Vicar.

The Vestry having taken into consideration that the footpath agreed to be made at the expense of Mr. Grosvenor from Markhouse Gate into Hoe Street in Lieu of the footpath to be shut up from opposite Mr. Beachcrofts House to Markhouse Common field can be of little or no use to the Parish It is agreed that Mr. Grosvenor may Immediately shut up the said path without makeing the new one provided he pays Twenty Guineas to the churchwardens towards the repair of the church lately made.

1774. Sep. 19. Order^{d} that the cage be put into substantial repair, to be done by Mr. Embleton.

Order^{d} that the little Bell do wring a Quarter of an Hour before the service begins.

1774. Oct. 10. A motion was made and seconded and carried *nemine con.* that Mr. Ralph Fresselicque do prepare a memorial from the Inhabitants of the parishes of Walthamstow and Layton in the County of Essex to the Trustees of the Lee Road requesting them to apply to Parliament early in the next sessions that a clause be added to their act for Liberty to watch and light the Road from Clapton to the Eagle at Snaresbrook and that he do in conjunction with Mr. Richards the churchwarden, Mr. Clark and Mr. Till to get the same signed by as many of the Inhabitants of the s^{d} parishes as they conveniently can, to be presented to the s^{d} Trustees.

1775. Feb. 6. Order^{d} that William Gilbert be allow^{d} Two Guineas a year on acc^{t} of his Lame daughter and his family and no more.

Order^{d} one guinea to Viol Presland and he is to have no more.

Agreed that Mr. Flack do attend on Sr Jno Fielding concerning Thomas Wallers belonging to this parish and such other oppinions as shall be thought necessary.

1775. Feb. 20. Order^{d} that Richard Stife be sent down to Mr. Reynolds at Chelmsford to goe uppon Likeing to be apprenticed.

1775. Dec. 11. Order^{d} that an appeal be made against the order of Removal from the parish of St. Luke in the County of Midsx In the name of Mary Smith single woman and Susannah her Bastard child aged 5 years as p^{r} order.

1776. Jan. 7. At a Vestry held at the workhouse concerning a Robbery committed in the church on Saturday night the 6th Instant and stole out the surplices &c. belonging to the parish, the following things were agreed upon, viz., order^{d} that one new surplice be bought and made as soon as posible and that the officers apply to Peregrine Bertie esq^{r} for his advice for an advertisement and it is agreed to give Twenty Pounds reward for the above offence to any one that shall cause the offender or offenders to be brought to Justice.

1776. Jan. 15. Agreed unanimously that the Churchwardens and Overseers of this parish contend the matter against the parish of St. Lukes in the County of Middlesex at Hixes Hall the next sessions against the order of removal from their parish of Two paupers viz., Mary Smith and Susannah her bastard child.

1776. Feb. 19. Order[d] that notice be given in the church that there is wanted a master and a mistress to look after the poor of this parish those that are willing to undertake it in the usual way may attend the Vestry this day fortnight.

1776. Mch. 4. Resolved that this Vestry be adjourned to Monday the 18th Instant and the several candidates for takeing care of the poor in the workhouse do deliver in their respective proposals in writeing to the gentlemen who shall then meet and that proper notice thereof be given in the church.

1776. Mch. 18. The following persons deliver[d] in their proposals to act as Master of the workhouse, viz.: William Bigg, Joseph Davis, Richard Mallory.

Whereas the proposals were examined and Joseph Davis was declared duly elected.

Copy of Mr. Davises proposal :—

To the Churchwardens and Overseers and Inhabitants of the Parish of Walthamstow.

Gentlemen,

Your petitioner, Joseph Davis, finding a Master and Mistress of the Workhouse is wanting I take the liberty to offer myself and wife. If we should be so happy to be thought worthy of that charge and care of the poor, it shall be our best endeavours to feed and Instruct them, and to keep them decently clothed that they may attend the duty of the Church at proper times of devine service or any other charge required by the parisioners we hope the gentlemen will allow three shillings p. head from Christmas to Midsummer, and from Midsummer to Christmas at Two Shillings and Six Pence. If thought unreasonable will leave it to the gentlemen to fix it at their own terms, and shall be ready to serve and remain

Your obedient and hope to
continue your Dutifull Servant,
Joseph Davis.

18 Mch, 1776.
Witness, John Coe.

1776. Mch. 25. This day the poor of the workhouse were examined, and it was the opinion of the Inhabitants present that the poor should be properly clothed and that Mr. Joseph Davis continue to keep them so and every other article according to his proposals.

Order[d] that the parish engine be put into repair as soon as possible.

1776. Apl. 29. It was Resolved that the poor belonging to the Workhouse should be new clothed. It is desired that the present churchwardens and Mr. James Coleclough, the present overseer, is desired to exeicute that Business in the best and cheapest manner they can, allowing each person to be clothed as followeth, viz.:

Men and Boys to have one coat, waistcoat and breeches of one colour, Two shirts, Two pair of stockings, one pair of shoos and one Hat or cap each.

Women and Girls to have one gown, Two Peticoats, one pair of Leather Bodies, Two pair of stockings, one pair of shoos, Two shifts, Two Handkerchiefs, Two caps. one hat and Two aprons each.

order[d] that Mr. James and others be applied to concerning the abstract of the will of Mrs. Jane Terrell, late of Low Layton in this County, on account of a Legacy left to Elizabeth Allin, otherwise Griffin, now in our Workhouse.

An Inventory of the Goods Belonging to the Workhouse in the parish of St. Mary, Walthamstow, together with the communion plate, taken this 30th day of March, 1776, by me George Turner—

No. 1. In the Long Lodging Room :—11 Bedsteads, 11 Beds, 11 Bolsters, 11 Coverlids, 10 pairs of sheets and of Blankets.

No. 2. Little Room, Left Hand :—2 stump Beadsteads, 2 Feather Beds, 2 Bolsters, 6 Blankets, 2 pair of sheets and 1 coverlid.

No. 3. Right Hand Room :—A stump Beadstead, a feather Bed, a Bolster, a Rug, a Blanket, a chest of Drawers, and old Hutch, 12 pairs of sheets and an odd one.

No. 4. Front Room, right hand :—4 stump Bedsteads, 4 Beds, 4 Bolsters, 8 Blankets, 4 sheets and 4 old Rugs.

No. 5. Front Room, Left hand :—4 stump Bed steds, 4 Beds, 4 Bolsters, 6 Blankets, 3 pair of sheets and 4 coverlids.

No. 6. Vestry Room :—An Iron chest, 2 Large Silver Tankards, 2 cups, 2 salvers, 2 silver dishes, 2 Longforms, 6 Rush Bottom chairs, A grate, shovel, tongs, poker and a leaf table.

No. 7. Little Parlor :—A grate, a pair of tongs, a poker, a Fender, a pair of Bellowes, a 2 arm chair, and a deal cubbord.

No. 8. Hall and Pantry :—A long table, a Form, and a salt tub.

No. 9. In the Kitchen :—A copper fixed an cover, an iron pot fix[d] an cover, 5 copper sauspans, 2 covers, 2 pot covers, an Iron shovel, a Flesh Fork, a Brass Warming pan, 36 wooden Dishes, 32 Wooden Trenchers, 3 Deal Tables, 1 chair, a flower Tub, 24 wooden spoons, sundry pieces of earthenware and a Bell metal pot.

No. 10. In the workroom :—3 Forms, an Iron stoeve, 2 tables and 3 old chairs.

No. 11. In the Brewhouse :—A large Brewing copper, one small Do. and covers, a mash Tub, a cooler, 3 washing Tubs, 2 old forms, a Kneading trough, an Iron peal, a stokkeing rake, a git and a mashing oar, a hopbasket, a Hose, a large steel for a mash Tub, a Trough and 5 pails, 4 Beer casks and 2 stands.

1776. Aug. 19. agreed that leave be granted to Mr. Lightwood to take a place at the end of the coachhouses to put up his Cart on his paying a shilling a year as an acknowledgement to the parish.

1776. Aug. 29. order[d] that Sarah Snaxton the present schoolmistress For teaching the poor children in the workhouse of the parish be paid one shilling weekly by the master of the Workhouse.

1776. Nov. 4. order[d] that the Front of the new gallery be boarded up and painted Likewise Forms to be made for the children.

1777. Feb. 3. It was agreed that arrears due to the two schoolmistresses that teach the poor children be paid up to Christmas last.

1777. Apl. 14. Agreed that Mr. Joseph Davis is allow^{d} the sum of three shillings p^{r} week for each person, to find them in victuals, Drink and clothes and all other necessarys from Ladyday last 1777 to Ladyday next 1778. order^{d} that James Rankin be clothed by the parish and it is further agreed that the churchwarden pay five pounds, five shillings to Mr. Joseph Davis to make him amends for keeping the poor in the Workhouse for the year past.

1777. Sep. 29. It is the opinion of this Vestry that the Last Preambulation Last held was apointed by a Vestry the 7th April, 1760 to be held as usual on Asention Day that the next ought to be held on that day next year after a Vestry held for that purpose the Vicar being present.

Order^{d} the Wid^{w} Kirkham a shift and a pair of shoes. Likewise Mary Field a half a guinea to goe home with her child to her own Country.

1777. Oct. 26. order^{d} that a Book be kept by the master of the Workhouse which is to lay open for the Inspection of the Overseer and Vestry of all that comes in or is Discharg^{d} the House and their ages.

order^{d} that Mr. Briscoe do examine Sarah Chitty in respect of her fitts and report the next Vestry her situation.

1777. Nov. 16. order^{d} that Mr. Briscoe the apothecary do regularly attend the poor in the Workhouse Monday and Thursday^{s}, and admit^{r} proper medecines to those that are in want and also to attend at any other time when particular care requires attending any other time being aply^{d} to the master of the workhouse or any parish officer.

order^{d} that Mr. Musgrave do provide for the men and boys two pairs of shoes, two pair of stockings, two shirts, one waiscote, one coat and one p^{r} of Breeches, the cloth to be Brown and not to exceed 4^{s}/6^{d} p^{r} yard and the women to have one gown^{d}, two pettycoats, two shifts, two pair of shoes, two pair of stockings, two caps and two handkerchiefs and all to ware the Letter W P worked on their slives on the wright shoulder and the master of the workhouse to keep them so cloath^{d} once a year.

order^{d} that the Master or Mistress of the Workhouse do proceed to and fro to church morning and afternoon with all the poor, who are to be clean and well cloath^{d}, the youngest first and so on in Regular order, attend there Dureing Divine service and that each be provided with a Common prayer book, Bible and Testament and se they make their responces regular and read the Psalms, Collects and Lesson for the day in a decent manner.

Order^{d} that all the poor have changes of Linnen and stockings Sundays and Wednesdays.

Order^{d} that the poor be allow^{d} from twelve to one dayley to recrate themselves by walking out or any other Inocent Deversions.

order^{d} that the Vestry do often Visit the Workhouse hear all complaints and se that the poor have Justice done them in every respect in regard to Victuals, Drink, clothing and

Lodging and that they have no more Labour Impos^{d} on them than their Abilities can perform and to report the same at every Vestry.

Order^{d} that no person be Imployed out of the Workhouse without the Overseer.

order^{d} that the children be taught to read and write and cast acct^{s} one hour every morning and the same every afternoon and catechiz^{d} every other day and say the LordsPray er and blief every morning and night.

1777. Dec. 21. order^{d} that Mr. Davis do perform his agreement with the parish particularly in clothing the poor comfortably and Decently.

1778. May 3. a motion was made and seconded that Mr. Dalmahoy do immediately give his orders that the six old Bells and Frames be taken down. That Mr. Dalmahoy does agree on the best terms he can and give Immediate orders to the Bell founder that a complete peal of eight new Bells (the Tenor not exceeding twenty two hundred wt.) and the rest in proportion to be put up as soon as possible in their stead. That such money as Mr. Dalmahoy by his Industry and address has already rais^{d} or can raise by a subscription amongst the parishyoners and his Friends be appyl^{d} as far as it goes towards the purchase of the said Bells, and if any more should be wanted that the churchwarden shall make good the same out of the money ariseing by the fines. That the thanks of the Vestry be given to the churchwarden, Mr. Dalmahoy, for his care and trouble in raising subscriptions for a new set of Bells. Resolv^{d} that Messrs Pack & Chapman be employ^{d} to put up the eight Bells.

1778. May 6. order^{d} that in consideration of the great trouble, expences and Fategue that the churchwarden, Mr. Dalmahoy, has been at in Raising a subscription not only amongst the parishoners. but also amongst his friends and acquaintance, towards a compleat set of eight new Bells and a Vestry Room for the entertainment and convenience of the parishioners and parson, both of which has been many years wish^{d} for and often attempted but could not be accomplish^{d} Till he took it in hand. Resolv^{d} unanimously, for the above reason, that the thirty first of May being his birth day be annually commemorated by the ringing of the eight bells (the Ringers wearing on that day Blue cockades) from eight to twelve in the morning and from four to eight in the afternoon, and the parish to allow one guinea annually for that purpose, to be paid by the churchwardens for the time being for ever.

Order^{d} that Mr. Dalmahoy, after reimbursing himself the expences of his office and the set of eight bells, should find cash enough in his hands to Build a Vestry room he then is to apply it to that purpose as soon as possible, provided the Famely where the Toms stand in the north west corner by the church steepel gives consent. With the consent of the Vicar also.

1778. June 24. order^{d} that for the future that hoever has a seat, or half a seat, or any part thereof belonging to the parish shal become vacant either by death, the party leaving the parish, that such seat left held or any part thereof, shal be put up at a publick Vestry at no less a sum than three guineas For a whole pew and so in proportion, which money will be apply^{d} and pay^{d} into the churchwardens hands, who is to account for it at the general vestry.

order^{d} that Mr. Embleton be appointed to survey the new Bell frame and report it under his hand writing to the churchwarden.

1778. July 5. order^{d} that an Advertisement be inserted in the Publick papers setting forth that there are 5 Boys and 5 girls at a proper age to be put out to service, any persons of fair character wanting such, either as apprentices or servants, may apply at the Vestry held for that purpose on Satterday, July the 18, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

1778. July 18. order^{d} that J^{no} Wright be put out on tryal for one month, viz. from July the 18th to August the 18th to Jno Hale, Working Brazier in Bird Cage Alley, Mint Square, Southwark. Likewise Nathl Tandy to Thos Webb, Grov^{r} Street, long acre, Baker.
likewise Wm Pomphret to Mr. Pearie, barber, Phoenix Alley, Long Acre.
Likewise Jno Crotsford to Mr. —— barber.
Do Edwd Oliver to Jos^{h} Venables No. 33 Wapping Street.

order^{d} that Sarah Mann be put out to Wm Froom of Walthamstow, likewise Lydia Tandy to Thos Brown No. 8 Clerkenwell Green, pawnbroker, also Ann Baker, to Mr. George Alworthy, Butcher East Smithfield. On August the 15th a Vestry is to be held to receive the master and childrens answer.

1778. Aug. 24. A motion being made and seconded and the question put whether the money collected by Mr. Dalmahoy by private voluntary subscriptions for the purpose of a Ring of new Bells should be placed to the credit of his acc^{t} with this parish, 17 were of opinion that it ought to be put to such credit and 18 against it being so put, by show of hands. It was therefore resolved that such subscription money be struck out of the s^{d} account. The late churchwarden Mr. Dalmahoys acc^{t} was audited and upon casting up the D^{r} and C^{r} sides thereof it appeared that he had rec^{d} more than he had paid on acc^{t} of this parish during the time he was in his said office by the sum of one hundred and sixty two pounds four shillings and nine pence which he is by this Vestry order^{d} to pay over to the new churchwarden John Free esq^{r} forthwith.

It appears at this Vestry upon auditing the late Churchwardens acc^{t} that the sum of Fifty one pounds and upwards hath been expended dur^{g} the time he was in office in eating Drinking and other improper expences being ab^{t} a ninth part of the whole Poors rate collected for the year. Resolved unanimously by this Vestry that no sum or sums of money shall hereafter be allowed by this parish for such eating, drinking and other improper expences.

1778. Aug. 31. Whereas it appeared to this Vestry that a Dinner was Bespoke and provided on the 24th Ins^{t} being a general Vestry and the Day called the Churchwardens day at which the Vicar, churchwardens, one of the Overseers of the poor and about 50 of the Inhabitants dined whereby an expence of £14 : 3 : 3 was Incur^{d} to the parish. It is order^{d} that the said sum of £14 : 3 : 3 be allow^{d} in the acct^{s} of Jno Free esq^{r} the present churchwarden and that in future the sum of £10 be allowed towards defraying the Bill for all future yearly dinners on such Genl Vestrys or Churchwardens days and all further expence to be paid by the persons pertakeing such yearly dinners and that the expences of the visitation days be also allow^{d} in the churchwardens acc^{t} yearly the minute of entry inserted in the minutes of the last Vestry to thee contrary notwithstanding.

1778. Sep. 20. It was agreed at the last Vestry but omitted to be book^{d} to return Mrs. De Drusina £10 for Overseer he haveing been appointed to serve that office and since deceased.

Whereas John Wilks comitted to the care of the constable of this parish by one of His Majesties of the peace on suspicion of a Felony was put in the cage of the Workhouse whereto made his escape for want of same being in repair — order^{d} the same be Imaditably done at the expence of the parish.

1778. Oct. 19. A letter having been Rec^{d} by John Free, esq^{r} the present churchwarden from Mr. Alexander Dalmahoy the late churchwarden and the same being taken into consideration on Sunday next after evening service a Vestry may be held at which Mr. Dalmahoy may be desired to attend and his account to be new made by him and produced or sent to at the Vestry to be settled and the real balance thereof accepted.

A copy of the Letter from Mr. Dalmahoy to John Free, Esqr.

Dr Sir,

I have been from London since I last attended the Vestry in August. During this recess I have been favoured with a letter from you requireing of me a Ballance of £162 : 4 : 9. as I never attended Vestrys till I was chose (against my will) into office, so I do not intend being at any more. Therefore S^{r} I beg leave to address you as a Dispassionate man and one I presume that well understands Business and Accompts permit me to sollicit your attention to the Acct^{s} in the minutest manner and you will there find the true Ballance to be as stated £13 : 7 : 1½ the purchase of the eight new bells admitted, a wide difference, but I need not explain to you that difference as you was on the spot and perfectly acquainted with the disposition of that day and the motives that induced some particular gentlemen to appear rather warm in saying that I had given offence in the Admission of the Bell acc^{t}, not knowing I presume by their non attendance that I was compell^{d} so to do by order of Vestry some months before. Permit me to say that I have studiously endeavoured to live on the best terms with all my neighbours and till that day was not conscious of haveing given offence to any mortal breathing in the parish of Walthamstow. I am exceedingly sensible that many, very many, errors may be fairly laid to my charge while in office, yet the having endeavoured to the best of my judgement and ability to discharge the office with Fidelity and Honour will I hope plead strongly in my favour and be admitted as an attonement for those errors and at the same time meliorate those gentlemen (whom I am sorry to have unknowingly offended) into a sense of Forgiveness. Therefore S^{r} as you (in the name of the whole parish) was pleas^{d} on the Audit day to compliment me on passing my acct^{s} I now call on you as a gentleman, as a friend and neighbour, to use your best endeavours at the next Vestry to reconcile and induce the few dissentients amicably to accede to the Ballance as stated, and you will confer a lasting obligation on

Sir,

Your most Hb^{le} serv^{t}

London, Octr 17, 1778.

Alex^{r} Dalmahoy,

1778. Oct. 25. Mr. Dalmahoys acc^{t} was examined and allowed and the Ballance receiv^{d} at a Vestry held at the Workhouse on the 25th day of October, 1778.

1779. Feb. 8. Resolv^{d} that it is the opinion of this Vestry that the sum of forty two pounds be allowed to the parish of Leyton as their proportion of the expence of Rebuilding the School at Leyton, but that the same be endeavoured to be raised by private subscription.

1779. Apl. 5. Mr. Johnson, present churchwarden, reported to the Inhabitants at this Vestry that there were three Church Rates unpaid by Mr. Lewis Weston, which he refused to pay. Resolv^{d} that Mr. Stephen Lushington, Proctor in Doctors Commons, proceed to get the Rates according to the several assessments.

1779. Apl. 9. Resolved that Mr. Stephen Lushington, employed to recover of Mr. Lewis Weston, one of the people called Quakers, the several sums due to the parish for Church Rates, first that he be desired to wait on Mr. Weston with the parish demand and his Bill of Costs and to settle the same with Mr. Weston, or on his refusal or neglect to proceed to recover the same with all despatch, and that Mr. Lushington have a copy of the resolve.

Resolved that Mr. Richd Browne, the present overseer of the poor, do wait on Mr. Weston and receive all the money due for poors rate at the most Rent p^{r} year for the premises he can get.

1779. Apl. 26. Nag's Head. Mr. Johnson reported to the Vestry that he had given notice to the Executors of the late Edward Terrill deceased to quit the parish lands now occupied by Mr. John Collier. Resolved that the Churchwardens do cause notice to be given in the Church and on the Church doors and by such other means to them shall seem meet of the time and manner the same will be lett to the best bidder.

Resolved unanimously that the Copyhold estates purchased by Mr. Edmund Chishull with money arising from a Legacy from Mr. Henry Maynard, consisting of a house and twelve acres of land with its appurtenances called Stretmans, in trust for the parish according to the uses of the said will, is by neglect become liable to be seized to the Lord of the said Manor. Resolved that John Free, Esqr, and Joel Johnson, Esqr, the present churchwardens, or either of them, do endeavour to take up or recover the same in the best way and manner and at the least expense to the parish they can and for the life of Mr. James Collard in trust for the parish if he will accept the same, and if not for such life in trust as they think most fit and place the expense to the Churchwardens account, and that the parish will reimburse the same. James Collard was objected to by the Steward of the manor, being already a copyholder, and some other person was desired of the parish to be named.

A motion was moved to allow Mr. Anthony Gallant, late Vestry Clerk and Beadle, the sum of Ten Pounds p^{r} ann^{m} for his life to be paid by his successor or successors. Resolved that the person that shall be elected Vestry Clerk do allow to Mr. Gallant the yearly sum of five pounds p^{r} annum out of his salary. A motion was made and seconded to allow the Beadle Twenty five pounds p^{r} annum. A motion was made and seconded that no person shall give a Vote for the election of Vestry Clerk and Beadle but who has paid to the last poors Rate to Mr. Richd Browne the late overseer of the poor. Resolved that the person appointed Vestry clerk shall find or give security for the sum of Two Hundred Pounds Resolved that the person chosen shall be inhabitant of the parish.

1779. June 7. Mr. Joel Johnson, the senior churchwarden, reported that in conformity to the resolution of the last Vestry Ballots for the choice of a Clerk of the Vestry and Beadle where taken in the Church on the 31st day of May, when the candidates for Clerk of the Vestry where Richard Banks, farmer, and George Johnston, gardner, both of this parish, and it appeared that the number of Inhabitants ballotting for Richard Banks was fifty-eight and for George Johnston thirty-three, whereby there was a majority for the said Richard Banks of twenty-five and he was declared duly elected. That the candidates for the office of Beadle were Thos Flack, Farmer, and Thomas Cressey, Breeches maker, both of this parish, and it appeared that the number of Inhabitants which Ballotted for Thomas Flack was sixty six and for Thomas Cressey twenty six, whereby there was a majority of forty in favour of Thomas Flack, and he was declared duly elected. All the above candidates having first been made well acquainted with the duties and performances required to be done and performed and having fully assented thereto they are here inserted, agreed to and signed by the partys chosen as follows.

The Office and Duty of the Clerk of the Vestry.

He is to attend all Vestrys and to act as Register or Secretary thereto. His business is to make clear and distinct minutes of all its acts, enter them fairly into the Minute Book, and see them regularly signed by such of the Inhabitants as shall be then and thereto consenting and to draw up and copy all orders, Votes, Motions and other acts of the Vestry, and to give out fair copys thereof when ordered by the Vestry or churchwardens but not otherways. He is to make all rate Books and attend the signing thereof by the Inhabitants and by his Majestys Justices of the peace, he to have the care and custody under the Churchwardens of the parish writings, Books and papers, and duly enter in the Books the accounts of the affairs after there having been approved, and keep all other the parish accounts in a fair hand writing and in such form and manner as the Vestry shall direct. He is to collect all rents and rates whatever due and payable to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish and Imediately pay the same into the hands of the proper officer for whose use it is received, and to give security for the Trust reposed in him as well for the care of the Writings and Books as for the moneys to be by him received to the amount of Two Hundred Pounds if required by the Vestry or Churchwardens. He is to have no vote or use any manner of Influence or otherways Interfere in parish affairs but as in his office required.

For all the above written services he is to be paid by the senior churchwarden for the time being the yearly salary of Twenty pounds, save and except the five pounds a year to be deducted therefrom for and towards the provision made for Anthony Gallant, the present clerk, during his natural life, and which sum of Twenty pounds is to be paid in four equal quarterly payments, deducting in proportion as aforesaid at the four usual quarter days from and after Midsummer day one Thousand seven hundred and seventy nine over and above charges for stationery or other extraordinary charges that shall be allowed by the Vestry next succeeding each Quarter day and shall be afterwards confirmd at the then next succeeding Vestry but not otherways.

The Office and Dutys of the Beadle.

He is constantly to attend the Vestrys and diligently to exeicute all the orders he may receive therefrom and is to leave notice in writing at the residence within the parish of the Majestys Justice of the peace, the churchwardens and overseers of the poor and of all such Inhabitants who have served or pay[d] the fine for being excused from serving the office of churchwarden specifying the place where and time when such Vestry is to be holden notwithstanding the same notice may be given in the Church.

He is constantly to attend on Sundays during the time of Divine service to prevent Boys from playing in the Churchyard or other disorderly matters, and to be aiding and assisting the Constable at all times in takeing up Beggars and other disorderly persons, to exicute the orders of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor for the time being in aiding and assisting the Constables to secure such persons as to the said Churchwardens and Overseers may be thought within the meaning of the present or any future acts of Parliament for the better or more speedily recruiting his Majestys forces.

He is to attend to and procure the passing of all Vagrants, paupers, &c., and diligently to search for and produce to the Vestry or to the Overseers of the poor once within every quarter of a year at the least a true list of all persons suspected of keeping disorderly houses, of all who receive Inmates, with the names of such inmates, and of all persons who may now do, or may hereafter come to reside in any cottage within the parish not having a sustificate from their legal place of settlement, and he is to do every matter and thing in his power that can be reasonably required of him as the servant and messenger of the Vestry, churchwardens and overseers of the poor for the time being.

For all which service he is to be paid by the Overseer of the Poor for the time being the yearly salary of Twenty-five pounds, save and accept five pounds a year which is to be deducted for and towards a provision made for Anthony Gallant, the present Beadle, during his natural life, and which sum of Twenty five pounds is to be paid in Four Quarterly payments deducting in proportion as aforesaid at the four usual Quarter days from and after Midsummer day one Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy nine over and above all such reasonable charges as may accrue whenever he is on any account sent out on the Business of the parish (beyond the River Lee to the westward, the furthest extent of the parish of Chingford northward, or the like extent of the parish of Wansted, Woodford or Leyton to the east and southward) as for the next Vestry to be held after each quarter day shall be by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor for the time being represented as reasonable and just and shall be by the said Vestry approved and allowed.

N.B.—The rules for Vestry clerk and beadle were approved by Anthony Todd and Peregrine Bertie, esq[rs], two of his Majestys Justices of the peace.

Agreement:—

I, Thomas Flack of the parish of Walthamstow in the County of Essex, farmer, hereby promise and agree to and with the churchwardens and overseers of the poor and the Inhabitants of the aforesaid parish for the time being that I will do, perform and consent to all the several offices, dutys and requisitions set fourth in the above written particulars of the office and duty of

the Beadle for one year from Midsummer day next and so long after as shall be agreeable to both Partys. Three months notice to be given to me from the Vestry of their intention for my discharge and the same notice to be given In writing from me to the senior churchwarden for the time being of my intention to resign.

Witness, my hand this 7th day of June, 1779.

Thos Flack.

Resolved that Mr. Johnson be desired to cause to be prepared a proper bond to be then executed by Mr. Richard Banks and a security for the performance of his dutys of Vestry clerk conformable to his agreement.

Resolved that the land lately held of this parish by Edward Terrill deceased be Let to the best bidder subject to the following terms. That the parish grant a lease of six years from Midsummer 1779 of the Field called Pryors Croft otherwise Honeybone field containing five acres and a half a little more or less subject to the parish having and reserving to themselves the Liberty of Digging Gravell both egress and Regress to and for all Teams, horses, men and carts to carry the Same thereout for the use of the Publick Highways, the parish keeping the gates and posts in repair.

That the parish will grant a lease of 21 years and one Q^{r} from Midsummer day next of the piece or parcel of land in Broomfield containing two acres and half little more or less.

Resolved that on the day abovesaid the acre of land lying in the Inmead Marsh commonly called the Churchwardens acre be lett to the best Bidder on Lease for 7 years from Midsummer 1779.

Resolved that the several leases abovesaid be made by order of Mr. Johnson at the charge of the persons who shall become tenants.

Resolved unanimously that In consideration of the long services of Anthony Gallant the present Vestry clerk and Beadle that he be paid out of the poors rate by the Overseers of the poor for the time being Ten pounds a year in four equal quarterly payments the first to become due and payable at Michaelmas day next and to continue during the pleasure of the Inhabitants in Vestry assembled over and above all moneys to be allowed him from the sallarys of the new elected clerk and beadle.

Resolved that Mr. Till the present overseer of the poor do ensure the sum of seven hundred pounds on the Building called the Workhouse of this parish and its apurtinances. That he may ensure Three hundred pounds on Household goods, church plate and Linnen therein. That the said ensurance be made for seven years at the London ensurance office.

1779. June 21. Mr. Banks and his security signed Bond for his due performance of the dutys of Vestry Clerk In pursuance of the Resolution of a Vestry held 9th April last.

Mr. Johnson the present churchwarden and Mr. Brown the late overseer of the poor having several times waited on Mr. Lewis Weston an Inhabitant of this parish and one of the people

called Quakers to endeavour to settle the disputes between him and the parish concerning the Church and Poor rates and arrears due from him. Report that Mr. Weston has paid the arrears of the poor rate for the field he lately held at the rate of £12 p^{r} year. That he has paid the arrears of five rates for the premises he purchased from the executors of Geo. Stow esq^{r} deceased now or formerly called High Hall at the rate of £60 p^{r} year, in the whole £13 : 9s. as will appear by the Overseers account.

That Mr. Weston and the churchwarden have agreed on a mode of satisfying the arrears of the churchwardens rates in the same proportion and that Mr. Weston has agreed for the future the said premises till lett be Taxed or rated at £60 p^{r} year.

Mr. Till the present overseer of the poor reports that agreeable to the minutes of the last Vestry he has insured in the London Insurance office for the term of 7 years.

	£
viz. on the Building and appurtinances called the workhouse	650
D^{o} on the Household goods and Linnen	250
D^{o} on the church plate usually deposited there	50
D^{o} on Goods in Trust	50
together	1000

at the cost of £6 : 8 : 6.

complaint having been made by sundry gentlemen that they subscribed and pay^{d} divers sums of money to Mr. Alex^{r} Dalmahoy late churchwarden of this parish for and on account of Building a Vestry for the use of the parish it is desired by the parisioners assembled at this Vestry that Mr. Howard do apply to Mr. Dalmahoy for Information concerning the same.

Mr. Johnson proceeded to Lett by lease the parish lands and the highest bidders appeared as follows:—

Lott 1. Lett to Mr. Edward Lilly the field called Pryors Croft otherways Honey Bone field at ye yearly Rent of Eight pounds p^{r} annum.

Lott 2. Lett to Mr. Joseph Hewes the land in Broomfield called Markhouse Common at ye yearly rent of one pound Ten shillings p^{r} annum.

Lott 3. Lett to Mr. George Boltwood one acre in ye Inmead Marsh at the yearly rent of one pound six shillings.

1779. July 5. In pursuance of the desire of the last Vestry Mr. Howard reported that he had waited upon Mr. Dalmahoy concerning a late subscription for a Vestry Room, that Mr. Dalmahoy answered he had in his hands about eight or nine guineas wch he was ready to account for.

A motion was made and seconded that the parish being in want of a larger Vestry Room and it being thought that the present Vestry Room by being altered, enlarged and projected out into the yard will answer every purpose wanted. Resolved unanimously that the same be carried

into immediate execution under the direction of Mr. Johnson the present churchwarden and that the moneys already subscrib[d] be applied thereto and that he pay what is not done p. subscription out of the rate.

Resolved unanimously that twelve shillings be allowed to be spent by the present churchwarden for the Refreshment of the several persons attending the business of the parish this day.

A motion made and seconded that the parish do make Mr. Flack the new Beadle a present of a Handsome laced coat, Hat and staff that he may to the credit of the parish attend his duty therein and that the same be provided by Mr. Till the present overseer. Resolved unanimously, one excepted.

1779. Sep. 19. Report of the Rev[d] Mr. Sparrow, curate, and the churchwardens that having received a Brief for the Rebuilding the Church of West Malling in Kent to be collected from house to house They have collected from the worthy Inhabitants of this parish £3 : 17 : 6.

They also report that having received a Letter from the Bishop of London reciting a Letter from the King and the Archbishop of Canterbury requesting them to collect from house to house through the parish the charitable assistance of the Inhabitants for and towards the propogation of the Gospell in foreign parts they are happy to inform the parishoners assembled that they have collected and paid into the Treasurers of the Charity as by the receipt the sum of fifty four pounds to the very great honour of the parish.

A motion was made and seconded that in pursurance of notice given at the last Vestry setting forth that there was some indiscreet management during the year 1777 the amount of money expended in Eating and drinking by the churchwardens account was far beyond moderation and by that means at the settlement of his accounts by the gentlemen on that occasion assembled a vote was carried on the other extream. That no sum or sums of money shall be allowed for eating and drinking and to that purpose the gentlemen then present did promise to attend the Vestry and see the business properly transacted and whereas by examining the Vestry Book it will appear that very few, if any, of the said gentlemen have attended the Vestry since that time or taken any trouble in conducting the parish business. Now therefore we the officers and Inhabitants in Vestry assembled do Rescind so much of the said vote as debarrs a moderate refreshment to such persons who do attend. carried unanimously.

Resolved that at every future Vestry when there shall not be present Ten gentlemen attending at the time notice is given for it being held and till the business is closed and the Book signed by them. That then in such case one shilling and no more shall be allowed to be expended and paid by the Overseers of the poor for the time being for each person so attending and signing the book for the refreshment of such persons coming from a distant part of the parish or leaving their business to do that of the parish.

Resolved unanimously that the Overseers of the poor be allowed to expend one Guinea for Refreshment this day.

1779. Oct. 18. Unanimously approved of the purchase made by Mr. Johnson, churchwarden, of the lease of the Coach Houses of Mr. Edw[d] Wells.

Mr. Johnson the present churchwarden, having stated the situation of the Benefactions of Mr. Henry Maynard to the Vicar, churchwardens, schoolmaster and parish clerk for the time being and the poor of the parish and it appears that the Trustees named in the Indenture of 17th August 1734 (being the deed of trust respecting the freehold estate) are all dead and that the Legal in the said Trust Estate is vested in the heir or coheirs of the survivor of the said Trustees. Resolved and agreed that the churchwarden aforesaid do proceed in such way as shall appear to him advisable to procure from the heir or heirs at law of the Survivor of the sd Trustees a conveyance of the sd Trust estate to the following persons, Inhabitants of this parish.

Thomas Crossman, Esq.		James Dolby	Gentlemen.
Anthony Todd, Esq.		Joel Johnson	
John Rigg, Esq.	Trustees to other estates.	Richd Browne	
Johnson Pistor, Esq.		John Haffey	
		John Read	
		Robert Phipps	
		Edward Pickard	

And it appearing that the Copyhold Estates purchased with the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds were surrendered to Jeremiah Wakelin and Richard Collard upon the trust declared thereof and that the said two last Trustees to other estates mentioned Trustees are dead. Resolved that Mr. Joel Johnson be requested to be admitted to the said copyholds and to declare the Trust thereof agreeable to a Resolution of Vestry hereafter to be come to.

Resolved that a fair copy of the above be given to the Vicar, churchwardens, schoolmaster and parish clerk.

1779. Nov. 15. The churchwarden having (with the consent of Mr. Lloyd, Alms Priest, so far as in him lies) inclosed a small part of the north east corner of that part of the churchyard commonly called Sir George Monox chappel, and fitted up the same for the use of the minister, etc., as a Robing room. This minute is entered as an acknowledgement that it is no ways intended as a Claim or infringement of the Right of the said proprietor of the said Chappel.

Resolved that the Churchwarden for the time being do pay to the alms priest of Sr George Monox's charity every St. Thomas's day a Benefaction of one guinea.

1779. Nov. 27. The minister and churchwardens report that they have collected two pounds fifteen shillings on the Brief from House to House for St. Nicholas Chapel, Harwich, and that they have paid the same to the proper receivers.

Orderd that a Book be provided for entering the sums given and collected on Brief, etc., according to the Laws relating thereto, and that the Vestry Clerk do enter the same beginning with the Kings and Bishops Letters for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts.

1780. Mch. 30. Mr. Johnson Pistor gave notice at this Vestry that he would be obliged to the parishioners for the payment of One Hundred Pounds due upon Bond to his late Father.

1780. June 26. Resolved that Mr. Johnson Pistor and Mr. Wm Tippel be in future. paid 5 per cent. Interest for the moneys due to them on Bond of one hundred pounds each.

1781. Jan. 14. That the sum of five pounds p^{r} annum be added to the salary of Mr. Richd Banks, Vestry Clerk, and to commence from Christmas day last.

Resolved that a piece of ground be let to the Best Bidder by the parish of Walthamstow at the Vestry room of the said parish, on Monday sevennight next at one o'clock precisely, for the purpose of Building Coachhouses thereon for the use of the gentlemen attending church. That also at the same time be sold the old materials of the present coachhouses and stables.

1781. Jan. 22. Anthony Gallant having disobeyed the orders of the churchwarden was ordered to attend this Vestry, when he appeared and asked pardon and promised for the future to obey his orders.

The piece of ground for the term of Sixty one years for the purpose of Building eight coachhouses for the use of the gentlemen attending church was put up to the best bidder, when it was agreed that John Waller being the Highest Bidder should be Tennant at two guineas p^{r} ann. and he accordingly agreed to sign leases for that purpose. Also the s^{d} John Waller being the highest Bidder for the old materials of the present coach houses it was agreed that he should be the purchaser at eleven pounds.

1781. Apl. 16. Ordered that the executors of the late Sacheveral Hellyer deceased be desired to deliver to Mr. Richard Banks, vestry clerk, the weights, scales and measures, etc., belonging to this parish, and s^{d} Richard Banks is hereby ordered to demand same.

1781. July 2. Richard Banks, the Vestry clerk of this parish, reported that on application to Mr. Nicholas Pratt, one of the Executors of Sacheveral Hellyer deceased he refer^{d} him to Henry Hellyer, the other of the said executors, who abused both him and the other officers instead of complying with the demand. Resolved that Mr. Joseph Eyre be desired to prosecute the enquiry and recover the same or their values.

Ordered that Mr. Humberston and other Inhabitants of Houses and Lands on that part of the parish called the Slip that may eventually prove to be in the parish of Walthamstow be at present omitted or continued in the rate Books as the same are usually made in the year 1779, till the event of the differences between the Lords of the Manors or others relating to the same be decided.

The different properties in the parish church and the great difficulties and uneasiness arising therefrom by some of the Inhabiants paying for their seats in the church and others not having being taken into consideration. Resolved that the present officers and committee for assisting in managing the House of Industry be a committee for treating with the different

proprietors and considering by what ways and means the whole of the church may become parish property, and make a report to a future Vestry.

ordered that minutes of a Vestry held 6 of May, 1778, be read, which being read and it appearing that said minutes are not agreeable to the Cannons of the Church ordered that the whole thereof so far as relates to the Bells be rescinded, and that the Inscription round the eight Bell be filed of provided the same may be done without prejudice to the Bell. Unanimously resolved.

Resolved unanimously that this Vestry do much approve of the conduct of the churchwarden in preventing the Bells ringing on Mr. Dalmahoys birthday.

Resolved unanimously that the thanks of the Vestry be given to Mr. Eyre for his present of a wainscoat Bedstead for the use of the Lying in Ward.

1781. Sep. 22. agreeable to the resolution of the Vestry of the 24th of July, which being now read the officers and committee appointed to treat with the different proprietors respecting the property in the church, made the following report :—

The Committee having applyed to Mr. Marshall, the representative of the late Sr Geo. Monox. and Mr. Edward Anson were by him referred to Mr. Lloyd, the present alms priest, and Mr. John T. Alford as his attorney, authorised by him to treat with the parishoners for his property in the North Isle of the Church, the Almshouses and all other rights and privileges. After several letters between the parties and a meeting of the churchwardens with Mr. Anson, Mr. Marshall by his said attorney has declared himself willing to assign over all his property and priviledges aforesaid to the parish and has made the following proposal :—That he will give up all his right and property in the church, as pew rents, Fees for burials, and every matter relating thereto. That he will give up the almshouses with the nomination and appointment of the alms priest schoolmaster and alms poor and all matters concerning the same. That Mr. Lloyd the present alms priest shall have the free use of the dwelling house to be kept in repair by the parish during his life. That in consideration of all other benefits whatsoever now enjoyed by Mr. Lloyd. Mr. Marshall will pay during his life £20 a year. Mr. Lloyd on his part agrees to Mr. Marshals proposal and to accept of the twenty pounds a year in liew of all his present income and priviledges enjoyed under the Deeds of Sr Geo. Monox and Edward Alford (except the use of his house as aforesaid) and also in liew of all benefit from the will of the late Henry Maynard, and farther engages to Read prayers or cause the same to be read in the Church twice in every week during his life. That in return the parish shall release Mr. Marshalls estate in Fenchurch Street from the rent charges paid thereon by the deed of the said Sr Geo. Monox and Edwd Alford.

A motion made by Mr. Free and seconded by Mr. Radcliffe and unanimously agreed to That Mr. Johnson and Mr. Eyre be deputed to treat and finally to agree with Mr. Marshall or his attorney for the purchase of the North Isle of the Church, the Almshouses, with the appointment of the alms priest schoolmaster and alms poor, and all other matters concerning the property of Mr. Marshall.

1781. Oct. 8. Farther report of the Committee for Uniting the property of the church in the Inhabitants. That in pursuance of the order of Vestry held the 16th of April last Lieutenant Colonel Fell the proprietor of the chancel has been applyed to and is willing to oblige the Inhabitants with the property therein. Resolved that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Eyre be deputed to treat and finally to agree with the said Lieutenant Colonel Fell.

1781. Dec. 17. Mr. Johnson report the following agreements made with Mr. Marshall:—

Charing Parsonage. Octr 24th 1781.

Agreeable to a Resolution of the parish of Walthamstow in the County of Essex in Vestry assembled on the 22nd day of Septr last empowering Joel Johnson and Joseph Eyre to treat and agree with the Revd Edmund Marshall aforesaid for all his property in the parish Church of Walthamstow aforesaid and all his property rights and priviledges whatever in the School, Alms Row etc. in the said parish. It is hereby agreed by and between the said Rev. Edmund Marshall and the said Joel Johnson so far as in them lieth that the said Edmund Marshall shall assign over to the said parish or whom they shall appoint all the Rights and properties aforesaid and that he will execute proper deeds charging a certain Estate in London heretofore the property of Sr George Monox with an annuity or yearly rent charge of twenty-one pounds payable every year at Christmas for ever. The parish on their part releasing the said estate now the property of the said Edmund Marshall from all dues and Rent charges now issuing out of the same on account of the said church and rights aforesaid in pursuance of a deed or deeds of the sd George Monox and Edward Allford and covenanting to perform all the several matters now paid and performed by the sd Edmund Marshall in pursuance of said deed or deeds and that the said parties shall and will execute proper deeds of conveyance to be made at the charges of the said Edmund Marshall by John Hanson esqr

Edmund Marshall
Joel Johnson

witnesses { Griffith Lloyd
Joseph Harvey Bellas

Resolved that the Vestry do approve and confirm said agreement.

The churchwarden having also reported that he had offered Lieut Col. Fell three Hundred Guineas (being the full value) of his property in the Chancell and that he had wrote four Letters to him and his attorney and could obtain no answer thereto. Resolved that the negociation with Lieut Col. Fell do cease and that the property in the chancel be not at present purchased.

1782. Jan. 13. Anthony Todd and Peregrine Bertie esqrs two of his Majesties Justices of the peace having viewed the footpath leading from Shurnall Street to Wood Street across certain lands belonging to Mr. Thomas Goldthwaite to near the Dukes Head in the aforesd street and having adjudged the same necessary to be stopped up this Vestry do consent to the same whereupon Mr. Goldthwaite agrees to pay to the churchwardens twenty guineas for the use of the poor and he consents to the surveyor widening the way leading to the Church by the side of his field in possession of Mr. Ramsden, the surveyor making good all fences.

The Vestry having taken into consideration the Insects that have been very prejudicial to this neighbourhood and likely to be more so have Resolved that the poor Inhabitants of this parish be immediately employed in picking of the Hedges and Trees within the said parish these Insects and that they receive for their trouble one shilling p^r Bushell upon their delivering them to one of the churchwardens or overseers of the parish their Bringing a certificate from a gentleman or farmer in whose lands the same have been picked.

1782. June 17. The report of the officers and the Committee appointed to assist them in the management of the Workhouse respecting the notice to them by Mr. John Hunt of his intention to resign the mastership of the House and the several applications of different persons offering themselves candidates for the same after having carefully and minutely examined the Qualifications of about fifty candidates and some of their wives do report to this Vestry the three following persons which seemed most fit and best qualified for the government of the poor in the House of Industry in this parish:—

Thomas Goodyer Robert Russell William Kimber

upon which Mr. Johnson, churchwarden put up the different candidates and this Vestry unanimously elected Thomas Goodyer and Mary his wife as proper persons to be master and mistress of the house of Industry of this parish.

1783. July 28. The committee for repairs of the Church reported that Mr. Richard Dixon and Mr. John Pinhorn, two of the said committee waited on Co^l Fell respecting the purchasing the Chancel of the parish church, also the repairs now wanting. Co^l Fell promised the parish the preference but referred them to his attorney for particulars also observed he had given Mr. Coe, collector of the rents of the pews in said chancell general orders to get repairs of said chancel done when wanting.

1785. June 13. a motion made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Hewes that Thomas Goodyere and Sarah his wife have one months notice given to them to leave and Quit the House of Industry of this parish agreeable to agreement. For the motion 15 against it 1.

1785. July 4. The following persons were put in nomination for governor and governess of the House of Industry:—

William and Elizabeth Dallett votes 33
John and Sarah Pennyfeather D°. 1
Thomas and Elizabeth Taverner D°. 10

whereupon Mr. Dallet was declared duly elected.

1786. Apl. 17. It appearing to this Vestry that Mr. James Rumbold Quilter stands indebted to this parish in arrears for the rent of a pew in the new gallery of the parish church in the sum of six pounds six shillings ordered that Mr. Thomas Musgrave the present churchwarden do proceed against the s^d Mr. James Rumbold Quilter as the law directs in that case.

1787. July 26. It having been represented at this Vestry by sundry Inhabitants that the Birds called sparrows are become very numerous and do much mischief to the several inhabitants of this parish a motion made by Mr. Lindsey and seconded by Mr. Hewes and unanimously agreed to that the churchwarden for the time being do pay a gratuity of three

pence p^{r} dozen for the sparrow heads and two pence p^{r} dozen for the sparrow eggs provided the churchwarden is fully satisfied that the said sparrows heads and eggs are caught or taken within the bounds of the s^{d} parish of Walthamstow it being agreed that no gratuity is to be paid if caught or taken in any other parish.

1788. Mch. 24. It being represented to the minister, churchwardens and other Inhabitants this day in Vestry assembled that Mr. Gilbert Slater of the parish of Leighton is about to obstruct, Turn and Inclose an antient Highway and footpath leading to the parish church and this Vestry being of opinion that such a proceeding would be a violation of all law and an Infringement on the Rights of the Inhabitants of this parish do therefore resolve and order that if the said Mr. Gilbert Slater doth in anywise obstruct turn or Inclose such antient Highway and Footpath that such Remedys will be taken against him as the Law prescribes and that notice of this Resolution be immediately given to the said Mr. Gilbert Slater by the Vestry clerk of this parish and signed by him, Ordered that the said minute be sent by the Vestry clerk to the minister, churchwardens and other Inhabitants of the parish of Leyton.

1788. May 11 and 28. Notices of Vestry to receive the report of the Gentlemen Trustees for Sr George Monox charities respecting the repairs that has been already done to the Almshouses in the churchyard and also to consider of what further necessary repairs may be wanted to be done thereto.

1788. May 18. The gentlemen Trustees for Sr Geo. Monox charities report that they received by the Voluntary subscriptions of this parish the sum of £189 : 10 : 6 and it appearing to the Vestry that the s^{d} sum is not adequate to the necessary repairs thereof ordered that the sum of one Hundred pounds be paid into the hands of Anthony Todd and John Rigg esq^{rs} two of the Trustees of s^{d} charities for the necessary repairs thereof as a gift from the Inhabitants of this parish out of the next Poors Rate that is collected.

Ordered that if Mr. William Tipple refuses to pay his pew rent on application for the same by the proper officer he be proceeded against as the law directs in that case.

1788. June 1. Mr. George Cannon, Bricklayer, produced an estimate of the expence of the Bricklayers work to be done to the Alms houses agreeable to the particulars of Mr. Gibson, surveyor, amounting to the sum of eighty-four Pounds wch was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. George Atcheson, carpenter, produced an estimate of Carpenters work to be done to the s^{d} alms houses amounting to the sum of Thirty eight Pounds wch was unanimously agreed to.

Ordered that the smith, Glaziers and painting work be done by the order and under the Inspection of Mr. Gibson the s^{d} surveyor.

1788. Aug. 18. Ordered that Mr. Joseph Lindsey, churchwarden, and Mr. Richard Banks, Vestry clerk, do wait upon Mr. Heseltine, proctor, with a copy of the minutes of a Vestry respecting the pews in the old gallery and to have the opinion of a Civilian respecting the same.

1788. Aug. 28. Agreeable to a minute in the last Vestry ordering Mr. Joseph Lindsey, churchwarden and Mr. Richard Banks, Vestry clerk to wait upon Mr. Heseltine, proctor, with a copy of the minutes of a Vestry respecting the pews in the old gallery wch they have done agreeable thereto and the following is a copy of the opinion of Dr. Harris respecting the same :—

[The minute recites the account of the building of the gallery by fines, the allocation of the pews therein, and a request to the persons concerned to procure at their own charge a Faculty from the Bishop of London for the same for 99 years assignable to any person being Inhabitants of the parish for the remainder of the term.]

Upon enquiry none of the s^{d} Inhabitants did obtain a Faculty for any of the pews, therefore, since the death of any of the s^{d} Inhabitants the senior churchwarden (as is the custom of the parish of Walthamstow) for the time being hath placed sundry Inhabitants in all the s^{d} pews giving the preference of the seats to the oldest Inhabitants.

Mr. Russell who is lately come into one of the houses (late Jacobsen) claims a right to one of the said pews notwithstanding he has no faculty which the present churchwarden and the Inhabitants in Vestry assembled Aug. 18, 1788 thinks he has no right to and desire to have the opinion of a civilian.

Copy of the opinion of Dr. Harris respecting the same :—

As Mr. Jacobsen obtained no faculty for his pew in the gallery he could only have a possessory right wch would have ceased during his life if he had continued to be an Inhabitant and not fallen from his rank, but at his death, notwithstanding any agreement between him and the churchwardens, the pew would have passed to the parishoners so as to have been at the disposal of the Churchwarden in subordination to the ordinary, and could not have been assigned by him without the leave of the Churchwardens in his life time or bequeathed at his death.

And even if Mr. Jacobsen had purchased a faculty the pew could only have been legally granted by such faculty to Mr. Jacobsen and his family so long as he or they continued parishoners and Inhabitants and Mr. Jacobsen could not in that case by deed or will dispose of his right to the pew to any other person not of his family. As to the doctrine of a pew appertinent to a House such doctrine has relation only to Capital Mansions which are part and parcell of large Estates and to pews which have belonged to such houses from time immemorial whereas in the present case the pew was erected only in the year 1710 in Consequence of two Vestries Acts in which no mention is made that any of the pews in the new erected gallery shall be appropriated to any particular house, and if all the subscribers had changed their houses immediately after they had taken possession of their respective pews it is not to be imagined that any of the other parishoners could have thought that any of the subscribers had thereby lost their right to their respective pews whilst they had continued parishoners. I have only to add that it seems to me Impossible that Mr. Russell by merely succeeding to the house of Mr. Jacobsen should have any legal right to Mr. Jacobsens pew on that account, or on any other, Mr. Russell being a stranger or new comer into the parish, and not even of Mr. Jacobsens family as I presume from the silence of the case in that respect. Mr. Russell can therefore have no other claim than that of being placed by the churchwarden in due order of time in a proper pew according to his Rank and station in the parish.

Geo. Harris, Dr Commons, 22^{d} August, 1788.

1789. Feb. 8. Anthony Todd and John Rigg esq^{rs} gentlemen Trustees of Sr Geo. Monox charities Report that agreeable to the Bills produced by Mr. Gibson, surveyor, respecting the repairs of the Almshouses they amounted to the sum as under.

By Mr. Cannons first Bill	62 .	18 .	
By Mr. Cannons 2^{d} Bill	84 .	.	
By Mr. Atchesons 1st Bill	24 .	19 .	5
By Mr. Atchesons 2^{d} Bill	48 .	14 .	5
By Mr. Lightwoods Bill	24 .	7 .	
By Mr. Turners Bill	10 .	1 .	10
	255 .	.	8
By Mr. Gibson surveyor	20 .	.	
	275 .	.	8

That the s^{d} gentlemen Trustees had rec^{d} by the Voluntary subscriptions of the Inhabitants the sum of:—

	200 .	.	6
By order of Vestry	100 .	.	
	300 .	.	6
Disbursements	275 .	.	8
Balance in hand	24 .	19 .	10

in the hands of Richard Banks, vestry clerk, which is to be laid out in further necessary repairs and alterations.

1789. Feb. 17. Mr. Joseph Hewes having represented to this Vestry that the gravel in Higham Hill common field, being a part of his property, has been carried away for many years past for the use and amendment of the Highways of this parish without receiving any satisfaction for the same. Ordered the consideration of the same to be referred to a future Vestry.

1789. July 7. A motion made by Mr. James Howard and seconded by Mr. Edward Hanson that a rate of six pence in the pound be granted towards building a new Shire house in this County pursuant to an Act passed this present session of Parliament of his present Majesty George the third and in the twenty ninth of his reign. Unanimously agreed to.

1790. Mch. 1. The piece of land in the parish of Leyton containing six acres more or less, now in the occupation of Mr. William Perkins, nursery man, was put up to the best bidder for the term of twenty one years and Mr. William Perkins being the highest bidder at £14 p^{r} ann^{m} it was unanimously agreed that the s^{d} Mr. William Perkins should have a lease granted to him for the above term of twenty one years.

The piece of Marsh Land commonly called the Churchwardens Acre now in the possession of Mr. George Boltwood was put up to the best bidder for the term of twenty

one years when Mr. Joseph Hewes was the best bidder at the sum of thirty five shillings p^{r} ann^{m}. It was unanimously agreed that the s^{d} Mr. Joseph Hewes should have a lease granted to him for the above term of twenty one years.

1791. Nov. 26. A motion made by Mr. Joseph Hewes and seconded by Mr. Hanson that a gratuity of two guineas be given to Mrs. Turner for her curing a poor person belonging to this parish of a cancerous humour.

1792. Mch. 8. A motion made by Mr. Thomas Goldthwaite and seconded by Mr. Joseph Hewes that the business be referred to the Church Committee respecting the claim made by the Rev^{d} Mr. Conyers of the soil in the north aisle on account of Mr. Conyers absence. Unanimously agreed to.

1792. Apl. 9. Ordered that the pond in the corner of the north east side of the churchyard be filled up without delay as being at present considered a nuisance.

This Vestry having taken into consideration the claim set up by the Revd Edward Conyers as Vicar to the soil in the North Aisle, a proposal made by the Rev. Edward Conyers that the emoluments arising from any Vaults or mural monuments that may happen to be made in the s^{d} north aisle shall from henceforth be equally divided between the s^{d} Revd Edward Conyers, as present vicar, and the parish. This question being put it was unanimously agreed as far as in them lieth.

This Vestry having likewise considered the emolument lately received by the present churchwarden on account of the vault and mural monument of the late James Bennett esq^{r} or Family do request the s^{d} churchwarden to pay half the s^{d} sum received by him to the s^{d} Revd Edward Conyers the present Vicar. Unanimously agreed.

1792. Dec. 10. Resolved that a general Vestry of the parishoners be called to meet at the Vestry room of the parish on Monday next the 17th Ins^{t} December at 12 o'clock at noon precisely for the purpose of expressing their attachment to the Constitution of these Kingdoms and a government of King, Lords and Commons.

1792 Dec. 17. The following Declaration was agreed to and signed

Declaration

At a time when an opinion prevails that there are persons in the Kingdoms inattentive to the Blessings they enjoy under a government of King, Lords and Commons and when sentiments are, and endeavoured to be, inculcated which have a tendency to lessen the affection of Britons to that constitution, which having secured them Liberty and guarded their property, has hitherto been the constant object of their warmest applause.

We the Inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary Walthamstow think it a Duty incumbent on us in common with our fellow subjects to declare in a publick manner our firm attachment and determined resolution to support to the utmost of our Abilities the Constitution of these Kingdoms improved thro' a long series of successive ages and capable from a principle within itself of preserving its existence and continuing a progressive improvement. We do therefore sincerely declare:—

That we are firmly attached to the Constitution of these Kingdoms and consequently to a government of King, Lords and Commons.

That we are determined to use every means to support that constitution and government.

That we believe in our situation and circumstances no means more likely to answer that great purpose than a steady resolution to support our Magistrates in the exertions of those powers with which they are wisely intrusted by the Laws of our Country for the preservation of peace and good order and that we shall be at all times ready to give them our firmest support and assistance.

Resolved that these resolutions be inserted in several of the daily papers and that the Chairman do sign the same.

Resolved that the thanks of this meeting be given to the Revd Edward Conyers for his attention and impartial conduct in the chair.

Edward Conyers, chairman
Geo. Turner } churchwardens
Fr^{s} Wragg }
Thos Atkins overseer

Jos Hewes	James Gilbert	Jacob Webb	Wm Clark
Jas Howard	Joseph Noble	Robt Maynard	Wm Brooker
Crookes Godfrey	Edward Lilley	Roger Hudson	Saml Abbott
Jos. Collis	Richard Newell	William Hunt	E. Forster
	Wm Jackson	John Dench	

Edward Fry, constable.

1793. Mch. 7. The Report of the committee appointed to examine the Lands in Higham Hill Common commonly called the Gravel Pitts respecting what Damage Mr. Joseph Hews the proprietor of land there has sustained. It is the opinion of the Committee that Mr. Joseph Hewes do receive the sum of Twenty five pounds for the damage he has sustained by the late surveyors of the Highways of this parish taking away the same. Ordered that Mr. Joseph Hewes do receive the said sum of Twenty five pounds.

1794. Apl. 21. A motion made by Mr. Joseph Hewes and seconded by Mr. Wragg that the present surveyors of the Highways do immediately make good the Fences between Honey Bone feild and the Land occupied by Mr. Bernard Bell the s^{d} Fences being laid open by the surveyors of the Highways taking the gravel away from the s^{d} premises.

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